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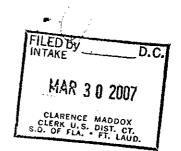
MAGISTRATE JUDGE GARBER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES, a/k/a "Ramon Barrabi," JORGE PONCE, JOSE VAZQUEZ, EMILIO VALENTIN YANES, SANDRA VELOZ, a/k/a "Sandra Torres," ALEXIS DE LA CRUZ SUAREZ, a/k/a "Alexis de la Cruz," JANNY GRIJALVA-GONZALEZ, ENRIQUE MANZANO, YASMANI HERNANDEZ-LOPEZ, ARAMIS RAMOS FRAGOSO, EDELSIS LOZANO, OBALLEMI ARMAS-RODRIGUEZ, ALBERTO PINO, and FNU OTERO,

Defendants.



INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

Beginning at least as early as November 6, 2005, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jury, and continuing through on or about March 30, 2007, in Monroe and Miami-Dade Counties, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES, a/k/a "Ramon Barrabi," JORGE PONCE, JOSE VAZQUEZ, EMILIO VALENTIN YANES, SANDRA VELOZ, a/k/a "Sandra Torres," ALEXIS DE LA CRUZ SUAREZ, a/k/a "Alexis de la Cruz," JANNY GRIJALVA-GONZALEZ, ENRIQUE MANZANO, YASMANI HERNANDEZ-LOPEZ, ARAMIS RAMOS FRAGOSO, EDELSIS LOZANO, OBALLEMI ARMAS-RODRIGUEZ, ALBERTO PINO, and FNU OTERO,

did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit offenses against the United States, that is:

- (A) to encourage and induce an alien to come to, enter, and reside in the United States, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that such coming to, entry, and residence is and will be in violation of law, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(iv); and
- (B) knowing that a person is an alien, to bring to the United States in any manner whatsoever such person at a place other than a designated port of entry and place other than as designated by the Commissioner, regardless of whether such alien has received prior official authorization to come to, enter and reside in the United States and regardless of any future official action which may be taken with respect to such alien, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(i).

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to achieve the purpose thereof, at least one of the conspirators committed and caused to be committed, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, at least one of the following overt acts, among others:

- On or about February 16, 2007, RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES and JORGE
 PONCE discussed picking up and delivering money related to the smuggling venture.
- 2. On or about February 20, 2007, JOSE VAZQUEZ and ENRIQUE MANZANO launched a "go-fast" vessel bearing Florida registration number FL 7453MV for the purpose of smuggling aliens from Cuba to the United States.
- 3. On or about February 21, 2007, ALEXIS DE LA CRUZ SUAREZ and JANNY GRIJALVA-GONZALEZ traveled on the high seas aboard a "go-fast" vessel bearing Florida registration number FL 7453MV, containing approximately 34 Cuban nationals.
- 4. On or about February 23, 2007, RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES and ENRIQUE MANZANO discussed a false story to tell law enforcement if MANZANO is questioned about the vessel.
- 5. On or about February 24, 2007, RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES and JORGE PONCE discussed a plan to visit the detained boat operators and coordinate their stories about the smuggling venture.
 - 6. On or about February 24, 2007, RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES and SANDRA VELOZ discussed that a satellite phone that VELOZ had sold BARRABI-PUENTES had been thrown away.

- 7. On or about February 26, 2007, RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES and JOSE VAZQUEZ discussed obtaining another vessel for another smuggling run.
- 8. On or about February 27, 2007, RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES told a man named "Nacho" that the price for smuggling an alien was \$10,000.
- 9. On or about February 27, 2007, **JOSE VAZQUEZ** helped launch another vessel bound for Cuba to smuggle aliens from Cuba into the United States.
- 10. On or about March 1, 2007, YASMANI HERNANDEZ-LOPEZ and ARAMIS RAMOS FRAGOSO, traveled on the high seas aboard a "go-fast" vessel bearing Florida registration number FL 0853FN.
- 11. On or about March 2, 2007, RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES and EDELSIS LOZANO discussed a false story to tell law enforcement if LOZANO is questioned about the vessel.
- 12. On or about March 1, 2007, **EMILIO YANES** modified a vessel ultimately used in a smuggling venture by installing gas tanks which allowed the vessel to carry extra fuel necessary for the trip to and from Cuba.
- 13. On or about March 2, 2007, RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES and FNU OTERO discussed another alien smuggling venture with the vessel modified by YANES, as described in paragraph 10, above.
- 14. On or about March 2, 2007, SANDRA VELOZ said she would provide RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES with a satellite phone.

- 15. On or about March 4, 2007, **OBALLEMI ARMAS-RODRIGUEZ** and **ALBERTO PINO** traveled on the high seas aboard a "go-fast" vessel bearing Florida registration number FL 3297FS.
- 16. On or about March 8, 2007, RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES and EMILIO VALENTIN YANES discussed finding another vessel to be used in a future smuggling venture.
- 17. On or about March 10, 2007, RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES and FNU OTERO discussed a story to tell law enforcement if FNU OTERO is questioned about the vessel.

All in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I).

COUNTS 2-35

Beginning at least as early as February 20, 2007, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jury, and continuing through on or about February 21, 2007, upon the high seas and out of the jurisdiction of any particular State or district, with Monroe County, in the Southern District of Florida, being the first district where the offenders were brought, and elsewhere, the defendants,

RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES,
a/k/a "Ramon Barrabi,"
JORGE PONCE,
JOSE VAZQUEZ,
SANDRA VELOZ,
a/k/a "Sandra Torres,"
EMILIO VALENTIN YANES,
ALEXIS DE LA CRUZ SUAREZ,
a/k/a "Alexis de la Cruz,"
JANNY GRIJALVA-GONZALEZ, and
ENRIQUE MANZANO,

did knowingly attempt to bring aliens, named below, to the United States for the purpose of commercial advantage and private financial gain, as set forth below in Counts 2 through 35,

knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that such aliens had not received prior official authorization to come to, enter and reside in the United States, regardless of any official action which might later be taken with respect to such aliens:

COUNT	ALIEN
2	Jordania Alvarez
3	Lazaro Canyo Nuioz
4	Brian Carlos Rodriguez
5	Haydeava Segismundo
6	Yosvel Acosta
47	Lester Sanchez Padron
8	Juan Amairy Delgado
9	Dayana Diayovaldes
10	George Luis Torez Castro
11	Jaquien Quinta
12	M.G. (a minor)
13	A.M.G. (a minor)
14	R.A. (a minor)
15	Carlos Luis Rodriguez Morales
16	Lazaro Camejo Munoz
17	Julian Perdomo
18	Elisel Pedro Martinez
19	Equenio Cruz Moralez
20	Yadiria Feria Diaz

21	E.M. (a minor)
22	Yovany Perez Vities
23	Alexander Rodriguez Alvarez
24	Perez Acosta
25	Hanser Alberto Rodriguez
26	Fairy Pulido Aparicio
27	Gil Lieon
28	Waviacaridad Valido Mesa
29	Yoel Acosta Hernandez
3 0	Luis Lopez Rodriguez
31	Mario Alvarez Perez
32	Alberto Martinez
33	Daniel Cardenas Castro
34	Idiana Serhis Munuvo
35	Hector Suarez Gonzalez

In violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(2) and 1324(a)(2)(B)(ii), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT 36-66

Beginning at least as early as February 27, 2007, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jury, and continuing through on or about March 1, 2007, upon the high seas and out of the jurisdiction of any particular State or district, with Monroe County, in the Southern District of Florida, being the first district where the offenders were brought, and elsewhere, the defendants,

RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES, a/k/a "Ramon Barrabi,"

JORGE PONCE, JOSE VAZQUEZ, SANDRA VELOZ, a/k/a "Sandra Torres," EMILIO VALENTIN YANES, YASMANI HERNANDEZ-LOPEZ, ARAMIS RAMOS FRAGOSO, EDELSIS LOZANO, and OBALLEMI ARMAS-RODRIGUEZ,

did knowingly attempt to bring aliens to the United States for the purpose of commercial advantage and private financial gain, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that such aliens had not received prior official authorization to come to, enter and reside in the United States, regardless of any official action which might later be taken with respect to such aliens:

COUNT	<u>ALIEN</u>
36	Milady Sosa
37	Alvaro Borges
38	Juniette Delgado
39	Marisela Trujillo
40	Tito Trujillo
41	Juan Torres
42	Barbara Tapani
43	Yandi Cabrera
44	Abelardo Morejon
45	Carlos Alberto
46	Joel Anarate
47	Chiqui LNU
48	Pedro Enriquez

49	Eloyo Vazquez
50	Yanet Mesa
51	Rosaly Undora
52	Yulio Zudelki
53	Yandi Santos
54	Miriam LNU
55	Giovania Garcia
56	Elvis Lauserigue
57	Omar Abreu
458	Gretel Almeida
59	FNU Almeida
60	Frank Alvarez
61	Orelvis Perez
62	Lismay Fernandez
63	Jose Luis Rodriguez
64	Iran Bueno
65	Iridio Garcia
66	Elies Garcia

In violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(2) and 1324(a)(2)(B)(ii), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

<u>COUNT 67-97</u>

Beginning at least as early as March 2, 2007, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jury, and continuing through on or about March 4, 2007, upon the high seas and out of the

jurisdiction of any particular State or district, with Monroe County, in the Southern District of Florida, being the first district where the offenders were brought, and elsewhere, the defendants,

RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES,
a/k/a "Ramon Barrabi,"
JORGE PONCE,
JOSE VAZQUEZ,
SANDRA VELOZ,
a/k/a "Sandra Torres,"
EMILIO VALENTIN YANES,
OBALLEMI ARMAS-RODRIGUEZ,
ALBERTO PINO, and
First Name Unknown OTERO,

did knowingly attempt to bring aliens to the United States for the purpose of commercial advantage and private financial gain, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that such aliens had not received prior official authorization to come to, enter and reside in the United States, regardless of any official action which might later be taken with respect to such aliens:

COUNT	•	ALIEN
67		Milady Sosa
68		Alvaro Borges
69		Juniette Delgado
70		Marisela Trujillo
71		Tito Trujillo
72	-	Juan Torres
73		Barbara Tapani
74		Yandi Cabrera
75	-	Abelardo Morejon
76		Carlos Alberto
77		Joel Anarate

78	Chiqui LNU
79	Pedro Enriquez
80	Eloyo Vazquez
81	Yanet Mesa
82	Rosaly Undora
83	Yulio Zudelki
84	Yandi Santos
85	Miriam LNU
86	Giovania Garcia
 87	Elvis Lauserigue
88	Omar Abreu
	Gretel Almeida
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90	FNU Almeida
•	FNU Almeida Frank Alvarez
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90 91	Frank Alvarez
90 91 92	Frank Alvarez Orelvis Perez
90 91 92 93	Frank Alvarez Orelvis Perez Lismay Fernandez
90 91 92 93 94	Frank Alvarez Orelvis Perez Lismay Fernandez Jose Luis Rodriguez
90 91 92 93 94	Frank Alvarez Orelvis Perez Lismay Fernandez Jose Luis Rodriguez Iran Bueno

In violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(2) and 1324(a)(2)(B)(ii), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

CRIMINAL FORFEITURE

- a. The allegations of Counts 1 through 97 of this Indictment are realleged and by this reference fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeitures to the United States of America of certain property in which one or more of the defendants has an interest, pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(6)(A).
- b. Upon conviction of any of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 through 97 of this Indictment, defendants RAMON BARRABI-PUENTES a/k/a "Ramon Barrabi," JORGE PONCE, JOSE VAZQUEZ, EMILIO VALENTIN YANES, SANDRA VELOZ a/k/a "Sandra Torres," ALEXIS DE LA CRUZ SUAREZ a/k/a "Alexis de la Cruz," JANNY GRIJALVA-GONZALEZ, ENRIQUE MANZANO, YASMANI HERNANDEZ-LOPEZ, ARAMIS RAMOS FRAGOSO, EDELSIS LOZANO, OBALLEMI ARMAS-RODRIGUEZ, ALBERTO PINO, and First Name Unknown OTERO, shall forfeit to the United States (1) any property, real or personal, constituting or derived from or traceable to proceeds the person obtained directly or indirectly as the result of the afore stated offenses; and (2) any property, real or personal (including any conveyance), used in the commission of or used or intended to be used to facilitate the commission of, the aforesaid offenses, including, but not limited to, the following property:
 - 1) a Kia Sportage truck, Florida tag number V32URK;
 - 2) a Dodge pickup truck, Florida tag number NA260G;
 - 3) a Ford pickup truck, Florida tag number JC9SW;
 - 4) a 33-foot vessel, Florida registration number FL7453MV;
 - 5) a 27-foot vessel, Florida registration number FL0853FN;
 - 6) a "go-fast" vessel, Florida registration number FL3297FS;
 - 7) the real property located at 216 Banyan Lane, Tavernier, Florida,
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including any structures, appurtenances, and improvements thereon.

- c. If the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants,
 - (1) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
 - (2) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with a third person;
 - (3) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
 - (4) has been substantially diminished in value; or
 - (5) has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b) and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

All pursuant to Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(b), Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(6) and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

A TRUE BILL

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